

Important Changes to Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC08) and State-Federal Extended Benefit Program (EB)

The new legislation that was recently passed did not add more weeks of benefits; it moved the dates that they are available. The total number of weeks of Emergency benefits (EUC08) that are available in New Hampshire at the present time are 47. There are 3 Tiers of benefits involved, Tier 1 for 20 weeks, Tier 2 for 14 weeks and Tier 3 for 13 weeks. The New Hampshire unemployment rate is not high enough to make Tier 4, an additional 13 weeks, available.

When added all together, New Hampshire offered a total of 86 weeks: regular benefits of 26 weeks, Emergency benefits of 47 weeks and Extended benefits of 13 weeks. The “99 weeks” President Obama referenced is not available in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire unemployment rate never reached 8% which was required to pay Tier 4, an additional 13 weeks.

The Extended benefit program in New Hampshire offered an additional 13 weeks after all regular benefits and Emergency benefits were exhausted. **Effective August 14, 2010, the Extended benefits of 13 weeks will no longer be available in New Hampshire.** The latest New Hampshire unemployment rate of 5.9% has caused this benefit program to end. After 8/14/2010, the total weeks of benefits available in New Hampshire will be 73.

Program	Last week can open new claim	Last Payable week ending	Maximum Payable
EB – Extended Benefits	w/e 8/14/2010, effective 8/8/2010	8/14/2010	13 weeks (only for weeks ending 8/14/2010 or earlier)
EUC – Emergency Unemployment Compensation	w/e 11/27/2010, effective 11/21/2010	4/30/2011	Total of all Tiers – 47 weeks x WBA. Can ONLY move from Tier I to Tier II, Tier II to Tier III if exhaust prior Tier with payment for w/e 11/27/2010 or earlier